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Howard (Dick),

Thanks for the book and urlet 10/5. Books can be mailed at a special rate, Fourth Class-Books, which costs but 12¢ for the first pound and 6¢ for each additional pount. Letters may be enclosed if indicated on the wrapper and 6¢ is added for that. It is the right book-I'd gotten the names mixed. I'd heard of his work from Turner, Boxley and Eric Norden.

Be interesting to compare your 399 base with mine. May prove Dick right, from what you say.

Your Dallas friend: it might be interesting to study the location and shape, direction, etc., of those chalk marks. Who did them may be a mystery, but the local police or the federal agencies might have. A good prospect is Secret Serv. Chalk marks in the roadway (Virgie Rachley, etc.) could be of considerable import. Also, where Aldredge spotted pavement hit. Ditto position car, things like that. See if he can show you.

Your comment on Paul and the character of my response: I felt (and have not entirely abandoned the feeling) that there might be an element of some kind of compulsion involving Alvarez (whose Hiroshima career is in the articles I've sent). Therefore, I decided it was essential to have my comments consistent with what would be expected of me. Also, I wanted them vigorous, in the event PH showed them to Alvarez. About Paul, all of this is inconsistent. It is not his manner of thinking, which is uktra-conservative (not politically), nor his style of work, which is extremely precise. He has to know this is nonsense, or he is sick. I cannot believe him crooked. Moreover, that crack about consideration for my ulcer is pap. So, I am disturbed in multitudinous ways.

Shirt neg: greater enlargement is possible. I've not had a chance to go back to the camera shop, which still has my projector, so I do not know what I owe for this work. I'll let you both know when I pay him.

Scope after rifle got to DC: don't forget it was not attached on arrival. Therefore, FBI put it back. Dick's lucid exposition of what I suspected from my own experience here becomes important: a slight variation could be the difference between easy use, difficult use, or close to impossibility.

If Mitchell recalls, he'll try and pretend Kleindienst did not refuse and refer to his belated "determination" that withholding was not mandatory-three months late and long after a suit was filed-a day or so before it was to have been heard in court. I think the easiest way to make the point is to quote Kleindienst's letter saying they do not have the stuff, the Luerly letters saying State gave it to Justice and Kleindienst said it had to be withheld, and their ultimate surrender only after I had them in court. Don't forget that this took a year and a half-that I was ignored for most of a year, until I got a lawyer. If he says he has no knowledge, this quoting of his Deputy should get around that. It is possible he knows nothing about this. Or, it may have been mentioned only slightly to him...Hope, as you see to be, you are enjoying college. Good luck on your appearance.

Best,